

**Subject:** Re: Proposed Addition of Crosswalks @ Stanley & Orange

**From:** Donald Duckworth

**Date:** 12/27/2016 09:01 AM

**To:** John Darnell

Congratulations, Dad!!

On Dec 27, 2016 7:40 AM, "John Darnell" <[john.darnell@lacity.org](mailto:john.darnell@lacity.org)> wrote:

Baby might come today. Might not be available at all this week... Joe is in our office if you need something urgent.  
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On Dec 26, 2016 2:58 PM, "Donald Duckworth" <[duckworth.donald@gmail.com](mailto:duckworth.donald@gmail.com)> wrote:

The addition of crosswalks along Melrose has long been a recognized need to enhance the BID area's pedestrian oriented businesses. The need was first identified during the BID formation process, which the MBIA Board recognized by formally proposing to the City that a new crosswalk be installed at Orange. Later, Melrose Future Vision project outreach identified an interest in a new crosswalk at Stanley. The final draft Melrose Future Vision Strategic Action Plan has recommended the addition of two (2) crosswalks on Melrose at Stanley and Orange. These recommendations were confirmed in October / November 2016 through extensive outreach to Property and Business Owners from the "Melrose Design District" area (the section of Melrose between La Brea and Highland).

In November a formal request was made for LADOT to conduct a technical study of these crosswalk additions for possible implementation. On December 22 the Executive Director meet with LADOT's Sr. Transportation Engineer for the Western Region and John Darnell from CD5. This email will report on the results of that meeting and outline a possible path to implementation of the recommended crosswalks.

Three (3) hurdles must be successively cleared in order for crosswalks to be added. These are as follows:

1. Adopted technical warrants for crosswalk spacing must be met.
2. A field count / survey of pedestrian peak hour crossings must be met (20 crossings per hour).
3. Budget funding for the installation must be met. The estimated cost of the requested "Continental Crosswalks" on Melrose is estimated to range from \$35,000 to \$100,000 each, depending upon the specific warning light and other configuration determinations made by LADOT's engineers. (The good news is that this funding should be available from the \$4 Million MTA Grant awarded to the Melrose BID for implementation beginning in 2019.)

The City's technical warrants for crosswalk spacing are currently under review with changes anticipated that will enable the requested Melrose improvements to be adopted. The review is expected to be completed in the next 60 to 90 days. Therefore, the Executive Director requested that the BID's request be held in abeyance until revised guidelines are in place, at which time it would be processed. Hopefully an LADOT field count will be conducted by Summer 2017.

On a related subject, the BID Executive Director and CD5 representative John Darnell are attempting to included Melrose Avenue resurfacing funds, which would include the re-painting of Continental Crosswalks at all signalized intersections in the City's 2017-18 Budget.

We will continue to report progress on these projects as it occurs.

Let me know your thoughts or any questions. Thank you.